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House Price Update

House prices across the London Borough of Sutton increased on average increased in the 12 months to December with the exception of detached properties, according to research by Hometrack.

Flats saw the biggest price increase, up to 8.36 per cent, which means the average flat in Sutton will set you back £272,763 compared to £251,720 in 2015.

Terraced properties saw the second biggest price increase at 7.21 per cent, the average terraced property in Sutton will now cost you £404,160 compared to £376,980 in 2015.

Jayne McCoy, Chair, Sutton Housing, Economy & Business Committee says: *"Sutton is rightly recognised as a great place to live. We have high performing schools, lots of green space, and close links to central London. It is likely house prices are only going to increase thanks to our exciting plans for the borough, like The London Cancer Hub.*

Whilst house prices in Sutton are some of the most affordable in London they still remain out of the reach of many local young families. Now more than ever we need to provide new, high quality, efficient and affordable homes for local people.

That is why we are building new homes for affordable rent and are consulting with residents on our draft Local Plan which sets a 50 per cent target for new homes built in the borough to be affordable."

While semi-detached properties saw the lowest price increase in the borough at 4.67 per cent, the average semi-detached property in Sutton will cost you £519,029 compared to £495,872 in 2015.

Detached properties saw a price decrease at -0.50 percent, the average detached property in Sutton will now set you back £752,633 compared to £759,415 in 2015.

Mark Hayward, Managing Director, National Association of Estate Agents (NAEA) says: *"Although figures from Hometrack show property prices in Sutton are on the rise, it's vital if you're planning to sell to get an accurate house price valuation. By using a local reputable NAEA estate agent, you can ensure the right code of conduct is adhered to and you receive the correct information to help sell your house appropriately within the current market conditions."*

Average Price by Property Type	December 2015	December 2016	Difference %
Flat	£251,720	£272,763	8.36%
Terraced	£376,980	£404,160	7.21%
Semi-detached	£495,872	£519,029	4.67%
Detached	£756,415	£752,633	-0.50%

SOURCE: hometrack

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Nick Hyett

Sales Manager

Locally owned Thomas & May, formerly Bairstow Eves, has successfully sold and rented over 1,500 properties, worth in excess of £300million, during the 15 years they have been established.

Located in prestige offices in Epsom's The Quadrant, Thomas & May has a mature, professional and friendly team. "After the 2016 Brexit vote, 2017 has started positively in Epsom and Ewell and all indications are for a strong spring market". Says Nick.

"With its good schools, shops and excellent rail links to London, demand in Epsom is high for apartments right through to detached family homes" adds Nick. Thomas & May has more rental and sales properties on their books right now than any time in the past two years.

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What to Expect Property Wise in 2017

National House Price Growth is expected to increase during 2017 albeit at lower levels than in previous years. Out of 12 recognised forecasts only 2 believe that house prices will fall. National average predictions suggest a 0.9% rise, up to an optimistic 3% for outer London.

The overall feeling locally is that price rises have reached a temporary halt. The market is increasingly price sensitive and overpriced property is simply sitting on the market unsold for long periods of time. Agents need to achieve the right balance of maximising price, but asking a sensible figure from the outset to generate plenty of interest. The market is still strong, we see no Brexit blues. Use an experienced local agent and sell successfully in 2017

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Parkview Way is an excellent example of a street that sums up exactly why Epsom is so popular - and we have achieved high selling and rental prices there in recent months. It lies within walking distance of Ewell West station in Zone 6 and is close to several fantastic schools, ensuring it is a hit with professionals and families alike.

Brett Chinery

Associate Partner - Sales

The Ewell market goes from strength to strength with prospective buyers loving its mix of leafy Surrey village feel, the outstanding schooling and the easy commute into The City. Demand from both local buyers and those flooding out of South London is as high as ever but the chronic under-supply of good quality stock continues upward pressure on prices and we expect 2017 to mirror 2016. All the "Brexit" doom mongers have been proved completely wrong and the robust market shows no signs of weakness.

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In summary your Solicitor should check the following:-

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- Service charges payable
- Any future major works
- Any restrictions on the use of the property

Luisa Hayward

Specialist in mortgages and protection, with over 20 years industry experience.

In my experience as a Mortgage Advisor January is normally a busy month for new client enquiries, this year has been no exception. I have had a steady supply of enquiries in the first couple of weeks of the New Yearfor clients wishing to move home. This has slowed down recently and a good number of these clients have yet to have any offers accepted on properties. I think that prices are stabilising but have yet seen any evidence of falling house prices.

I am now seeing the full impact of the changes to the buy to let market as the number of investment property enquiries has reduced dramatically.

In my opinion Mortgage Lenders still have an appetitie to lend and rates are very competitive at the moment.

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Council tax and fees to rise after Valentine's Day meeting

'FAILING TO FEEL THE LOVE'

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TORY austerity guided the council's hand in approving an annual budget funded by multi-million pound borrowing, and increases in council tax and fees and charges across the borough, the majority Residents' Association group claimed.

Epsom and Ewell Borough Council approved a 2.7 per cent council tax rise alongside increased rates for car parking, cemeteries, and waste refusal, in order to make savings of £381,000 at the Valentine's Day evening meeting.

The council also pledged to borrow an additional £60 million towards buying commercial properties, to increase revenue streams.

Current estimates suggest the council is on course to finish the 2016/17 financial year £94,000 under budget – but loss of government funding meant savings needed to be made, according to Councillor Eber Kington, Chair of the Strategy and Resources Committee.

Epsom and Ewell Borough Council approved a 2.7 per cent council tax and, inset, Cllr Eber Kington who said savings needed to be made

Announcing the budget, Cllr Kington, said the government withdrawing £417,000 of core funding (Revenue Support Grant), along with missing out on £700,000 for not fulfilling housing requirements drafted in December, created financial challenges and uncertainties for the council.

But Conservative Councillor Alexander Clarke criticised the council for not exhausting alternatives to putting up car parking charges and said an increased cost of living would, in the long-term, harm residents and the town.

Labour Councillor Vince Romagnuolo, meanwhile, criticised the settlement from the government, and suggested the abolition of Surrey County Council and of councillors' allowances as a more "modest" alternative to increasing tax and charges.

Cllr Kington, in his budget speech, also announced several policy announcements:

- The introduction of a weekly recycling service;
- The roll-out of a new transport vehicles and Routecall Flexi Route scheduling system;
- The council would work with private sector landlords to increase the supply of affordable housing;
- A £70,000 refurbishment of Longmead Social Centre;
- £174,000 improvement works at Depot Road car park, and replacing the pay and display machines at Depot Road and Upper High Street;
- £110,000 refurbishment of the pond in Roseberry Park;
- £46,000 refurbishment of tennis and basketball courts in Alexander Recreation Ground;

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Santa's thanks

THE Christmas funds raised by Cheam and Sutton Rotary have been distributed to charities.

The Club raised more than £15,000 with its Santa Sleigh, mince-pie evenings and supermarket collections.

The two main charities were the Sutton Mental Health Foundation and Royal Marsden Play Specialists. Other charities included Save the Children, Macular Society, Multiple Sclerosis Association and several Scout groups.

The club was honoured to have the mayor of Sutton, Cllr Richard Clifton, joining their "cheque distribution evening" during which the charities received their cheques.

Cllr Cifton in his speech told those present how happy he was to have taken part in the Santa Sleigh rounds and thanked the members for their efforts.

SPONSOR: EPSOM Players (Local Amateur Dramatics Society) are pleased to announce their very first Corporate Sponsor; Dandelion Theatre Arts. Epsom Players is a well established and highly regarded amateur dramatic society, having performed over 200 musical and plays since 1911. They perform 3 to 4 shows per year in local theatres in Epsom with a least one every year at the Epsom Playhouse.

SCREENING: A care home in Epsom is inviting the local community to attend an exclusive screening of a short film to celebrate World Read Aloud Day. On Thursday 16th February, the Care UK team at Appleby House care home on Longmead Road will open its doors from 2pm for the free screening featuring an international story teller, as well as an interactive reading session.

The film will feature the Storyteller Laureate, Taffy Thomas MBE, performing a story and providing tips and advice for reading aloud.

World Read Aloud Day is an annual event which celebrates the importance of reading aloud and sharing stories, and it is celebrated by millions of people.

EPSOM Beaumont Care Home are lucky enough to have a visit from Mia, our Pets As Therapy dog who comes to visit our residents once a month.

GET UP AND DANCE!

The Aim High Dance Academy, led by principal Hayley Rea, has launched a free youth dance company in South Norwood.
Since it began in 2010, thousands of youngsters have attended Aim High classes at its Croydon, Lambeth, Lewisham and Merton centres. The academy has now set up a base for teenagers with the launch of the youth dance company at Samuel Coleridge Taylor Centre in South Norwood.
If you would like to take part, contact Hayley on 07904 313603 or info@aimhighacademy.co.uk.

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Councillors voted 26 to six to approve plans

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- The provision of Disabled Facility Grants, using £535,000 to help people live independently in their own homes;
- The provision of £25,000 to the East Surrey Outreach Service to assist with rough sleepers, a sum money previously funded from government grant but which has now ceased;
- Borrowing an additional £60 million of borrowing to fund commercial acquisitions to help generate income;
- Using £172,000 of the net income from two recently-purchased commercial properties to balance the budget and support services;
- Looking to buy three residential properties to be used as temporary emergency accommodation;
- Generating new income from a pest control referral service.

Councillors voted by 26 votes (the Residents' Association group, excluding Councillor Hannah Dalton, who was absent) to six (the opposition Conservative and Labour factions, excluding Councillor Jane Race, who was absent) to accept the budget.

Conservative Cllr Clarke said: "If we really have to put the prices up, then absolutely we must exhaust every avenue to mitigate these increases in the most viable way possible, both for the benefit of the borough and its residents, but also as a sign of good faith to the BID (Business Improvement District), which much future development depends upon."

Labour Cllr Romagnuolo added: "Today may be Valentine's Day but I'm sure you and everyone here tonight will not be feeling much love for this terrible Tory government.

"I have a certain amount of sympathy with the chair of Strategy & Resources when he says that there are painful decisions to make. But my sympathy only goes so far.

"We can still remember that the old, the frail and the young mums with their small children who use the Wells Centre have been badly let down by this council."

Council tax funds three bodies: 76 per cent goes to Surrey County Council, Surrey Police receive 13 per cent and Epsom & Ewell Borough Council receives 11 per cent.

Blaze in the weeks before Christmas also affected a cafe and pharmacy

The Hub is back in business after fire damaged premises

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PSYCHOLOGICAL therapies, drug and alcohol support sessions, and employment classes resumed at an Epsom charity this week after a fire ravaged its town centre premises just weeks before Christmas.

A woman suffered burns to her face and smoke blanketed the town centre as a fire damaged Epsom Hub, La Piccola café and the adjoining Lloyd's pharmacy on December 8.

Despite firefighters stopping the fire from spreading further, The Surrey Hubs' Epsom branch in the High Street was forced to shut due to the extent of the damage.

Volunteer Development Worker Caroline Fowler believes it could be as long as six months before the Epsom Hub reopens at its original premises.

Mrs Fowler explained she was on her way back from a Christmas dinner in Dorking with the service's staff and volunteers when she heard about the fire.

Hub manager Caroline Fowler, SIL Engagement Officer Lorna Marsh and volunteers Owen Watson and David Mackenzie Parks

"It was a massive curveball that took us all by shock," she said.

"I felt really tearful and emotional and shocked.

"When we were allowed inside the next morning I was shocked at the damage.

"From the front it doesn't look quite as bad as it actually is. That is when it sunk in that we weren't going to be able to have services out of that Hub for some time."

But the Epsom Hub, part of a county-wide service that provides information and support to help people stay independent, opened in its temporary premises at 126 High Street on Monday (February 13). The Hub team celebrated with tea, coffee and cake, as it welcomed back its volunteers and customers.

The service had been helped by market traders, members of the public and staff at the Brickfield Centre, a county-wide service promoting recovery, independence and social inclusion, who dropped off supplies after the Hub's closure.

Mrs Fowler said: "We're just really pleased to be open and to see so many of our volunteers come back.

"The community has been really helpful and supportive."

The Epsom Hub has launched a domestic violence campaign to coincide with Valentine's Day. To find out more, or to access the Hub's services, visit the Epsom Hub's temporary premises at 126 Epsom High Street.

For more information, visitthesurreyhubs.org.uk/

Secrets shared on long and happy marriage

BEING tolerant, understanding and grateful, and 'doing as the wife says', are the keys to a happy marriage, according to a husband and wife of 70 years.

There are 12 couples – including residents and staff – at the Royal Alfred Seafarers' Society in Banstead. Between them they have lived more than 400 years of married life.

They have shared their advice for marital bliss to coincide with Valentine's Day.

John and Joan Hatfield have been married for 70 years after meeting in 1947 at a Valentine's Day dance at their local golf club in Somerset. Mr Hatfield proposed later that year and they married shortly after, celebrating with a two week honeymoon in Bournemouth.

Mrs Hatfield puts her happy marriage down to not taking things to heart. She could understand and empathise with her husband's career as a Royal Navy officer because she served in the Navy herself for almost three years.

She added: "I love my husband's resilience and ability to adapt quickly to any situation the most. Of course we've had our challenges, but we always remain positive and weigh the gravity of the situation before we jump to conclusions or say things we might regret.

John and Joan Hatfield have been married for 70 years after meeting in 1947 at a Valentine's Day dance at their local golf club in Somerset

"I am extremely grateful to have found a care home where both my husband and I can live under the same roof and continue to enjoy each other's company."

Residents Jeanne and Noel Robinson were married for 74 years after becoming friends as children in their home town of Clacton-on-Sea. The pair married during the war, in 1942, in the village church of Farleigh in Surrey and enjoyed a two-day honeymoon before Mr Robinson had to return to sea. He served the country bravely in the Royal Navy for nearly 30 years, and even took part in the Battle of the Atlantic – the longest continuous military campaign of the Second World War.

"Long-distance relationships are challenging," Mrs Robinson said, "but we ensured our communication remained strong as we were sending each other telegrams two to three times a week.

"The main goal of a lifelong commitment is supporting each other so it is important to show tolerance and understanding for your partner's circumstances. I used to live each day for when my husband would return home, which kept me going."

The couple, who have two sons, moved in to the Royal Alfred Seafarers' Society where they enjoyed the remaining six months of their long and happy marriage together until Mr Robinson passed away recently.

The top ten tips to a happy marriage from the Royal Alfred Seafarers' Society residents and staff:

- Be tolerant
- Be understanding
- Be grateful for what you have
- Life is too short – don't take things to heart
- Don't allow separate career paths to cause your partner and you to drift apart
- Be generous – everybody has to give
- Let everything happen naturally around you, don't force things
- Treat each other with respect
- Be best friends before anything else
- 'Do as the wife says'

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ANDERS ANGLESEY takes a look at a new technology college that is doing away with the traditional uniform

An education that suits pioneering pupils

TEENAGERS will be ditching 'restrictive' uniforms and traditional learning at a new technology college which aims to educate the capital's next crop of pioneering innovators.

The Sir Simon Milton Westminster University Technology College (UTC) wants its pupils to wear suits as they learn and work on projects such as 3-D printers and robotics when it opens its doors in September, this year.

If pupils successfully apply to join the Pimlico-based school aged 14 or 16 they enter a similar environment as working adults and will be expected to arrive at 8.30am and will be sent home at 5pm.

Industry partners who work in transport and engineering will provide the projects, which pupils will apply themselves to alongside their regular studies.

It will come with a trade-off however, as students will have fewer GCSEs to choose from when compared to other schools.

Subjects available to children include English, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Computer Science, Geography, art and design and DEC (designing, engineering and constructing a sustainable environment).

Pupils will be dressing in suits

UTC claims that by having such few options it will prepare its pupils for careers in science and technology as well as engineering.

The college is named after the former Conservative leader of Westminster Council and as the capital's Deputy Mayor for policy and planning before he died in April, 2011.

When it opens it will join the 48 already existing UTCs across England and the organisation estimates that more than 50 will be open by 2018.

Ty Goddard, Co-founder of the Education Foundation, said: "I wish the school all the success. I think the UTCs are a really great arrangement to bring educators and companies together by focusing in key areas.

"I think it's important that education responds to particular needs in communities and the schools are doing that."

Headteacher, Karen Barker, said she is keen to get more girls into more male dominated industries and claimed the gender split for the GCSE course is currently running at a 50-50 split.

She said: "I am passionate about encouraging more girls into science and engineering. Girls' ability to work cooperatively means that they excel at the kind of problem-solving which is vital for tomorrow's social and technological progress. "

She added: "When you went to school, did you wish that you could spend less time sitting in the classroom listening to someone else talk and more time actually getting up and making things happen?

Technology students at Sir Simon Milton Westminster University Technology College

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JON MITCHELL explores the concept of Blue Monday and how it can have devastating consequences

Challenges facing some can lead to tragedy

WITH the passing of January also comes the passing of the supposed "most depressing day of the year" – Blue Monday.

The idea of Blue Monday, this year celebrated on January 16, was first publicised in 2005 as part of a press release from a holiday company, which claimed to have calculated the date using an equation.

Since then, the day has become an annual free-for-all for light-hearted news articles on how to beat the January blues.

The equation used to calculate the date, always the third Monday of January, using "debt", "motivation", "weather", "need to take action" and so on is itself subject to much derision.

Even its psychologist creator Cliff Arnall has rejected the notion of Blue Monday.

But the reality for those struggling with mental health issues and depression, the challenges of the New Year and the burdens it brings are more real than media trivialisation.

Non-suspicious deaths were reported at train stations across south London, with four people having been killed on railway lines in just four days.

The new year can be a stressful time

A 47-year-old man from Surbiton was hit and killed by a train at a level crossing in Littleheath Lane, Oxshott, on January 26.

Just five days later, two people were hit and killed by trains within 15 minutes of each other at New Malden and Woking railway stations respectively. It was a 36-year-old man from London who was killed at New Malden station.

A 44-year-old woman from Blackpool was also killed when she was hit by a train at East Croydon railway station on February 2.

All the incidents will be subject to inquest proceedings to determine an official cause of death, though the tragedies have highlighted the significant challenges faced by authorities in preventing such instances.

A spokesman for British Transport Police said: "We do a huge amount of work to prevent people from taking their own lives on the railways and have a dedicated Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Team.

"Suicide is often the end point of a complex history of risk factors and distressing events. Most people who choose to end their lives do so for complex reasons.

"We work with our partners to protect vulnerable people and try to prevent them from taking their life."

In December last year, a group of MPs said the number of people in England taking their own lives to be "unacceptably high".

A report by the Health Select Committee found that the number of deaths by was 4,820 in England in 2015, part of a UK-wide figure of 6,188.

Dr Sarah Wollaston, the committee's chair, said: "4,820 people are recorded as having died by suicide in England last year, but the true figure is likely to be higher.

"Suicide is preventable and much more can and should be done to support those at risk."

One mother who gave evidence told the committee it was the services which were "hard to reach" rather than her son's reluctance for help before his suicide.

Ruth Sutherland, the chief executive of mental health charity the Samaritans, called the report a "wake-up call" for the Government, highlighting that the charity is contacted every six seconds by someone in need of help. Mental health experts have also criticised the stigma of mental health and its representation in the media, including Blue Monday.

For example, mental health charity the Blurt foundation has criticised the day as potentially "downplaying" the problem.

On the contrary, The NHS Surrey Downs Clinical Commissioning Group viewed Blue Monday as an opportunity to try and raise awareness of the problem.

It worked with a number of organisations to offer support and counselling, funding a service to help people take control and improve their own mental health and well-being.

A fatal train accident near New Malden earlier this month

With about 120 volunteers, Kingston Samaritans is the biggest branch in Greater London outside the capital's centre, and works on the frontline of helping those living with depression.

The charity recently opened a new building in the town centre, transforming a disused building at the junction of Wheatfield Way and Palmer Crescent into a specifically catered centre.

Meanwhile the Samaritans are working with Network Rail to reach out to those most at risk of train related deaths, including offering support at some stations.

Kingston MP James Berry said: "It is now being spoken about more commonly, but we do have in Kingston unfortunately some high profile places where people tend to try and take their lives.

"It's really important that the Samaritans have a presence and a base – they need somewhere where people can feel safe."

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Police appeal for help in identifying three men who went to flat

'Suspected burglars' left when challenged

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'WOULD-BE burglars' tried to force open a door to a flat before being challenged by the owner, who was left shaken, Surrey Police believe.

The force is now appealing for help in identifying three men caught on CCTV after the suspected attempted burglary in Farriers Road, Epsom.

The tenant heard their doorbell ring at about 11am on Friday, February 3, before hearing the sound of the front door being forced open.

The resident questioned three men at the door, who said they were only knocking and were looking for a man upstairs. The three suspects quickly left after being challenged. The men's attempts to get into the flat caused substantial damage to the door, Surrey Police stated.

CCTV cameras in the area show the three men, possibly driving an old Blue BMW 3 Series car. The men are described as white males in their 30s.

Surrey Police is now appealing for help in identifying three men caught on CCTV after the suspected attempted burglary in Farriers Road, Epsom at about 11am on Friday, February 3

The first man had dark hair, was of slim build and was wearing a blue baseball cap and dark clothing. The second man was of medium to large build, and wore a dark jacket and grey trousers.

The third man was of medium build, and was wearing dark clothing.

PC Steve Walters, said: "Luckily the men were challenged and left before any access to the property could be gained, however it was a very frightening experience for the occupant.

"Despite the unsuccessful attempt, the occupant was quite clearly shaken up by the incident and so we want anyone with any information about this person to come forward as soon as possible."

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PIPPA ALLEN-KINROSS joined sixth formers on poignant trip to death camp

The full horror of Auschwitz

Youngsters observing pictures of Holocaust victims Picture: Yakir Zur

FREEZING conditions served as a reminder to hundreds of student visitors at the Nazi death camps Auschwitz-Birkenau of the brutal conditions millions were forced to suffer.

The trip, organised by the Holocaust Education Trust for south London sixth formers left many contemplating lessons for the future as well as the horrors of the past.

Many said nothing could have prepared them for what they saw: displays showing thousands of discarded shoes, mangled glasses, suitcases still imprinted with past owner's names.

Reporter Pippa Allen-Kinross was invited by the trust to share in their experience at the site where 1.1 million people died, including one million Jews. The teenagers, who were chatting and laughing as we got off the coach, were stunned into silence as they walked through the gate emblazoned with the infamous words "arbeit macht frei" (work sets you free) at the entrance to the Auschwitz I camp.

There was a palpable sense of horror as we were led into a room where huge cabinets lining the walls were filled with human hair, before being shown the rows upon rows of prisoner photographs where the shaven heads and haunted eyes were joined by a date of death.

The notorious railway tracks leading to the camp Picture: Yakir Zur

Hannah Finlay, a student at Sutton's Nonsuch High School for Girls, said the sight of the hair would stay with her for a long time.

She said: "Crimes like this are so evil and dehumanising. It's so harrowing, but it's also humbling. It makes you determined to stop this sort of thing happening again."

After walking through a gas chamber and crematorium, the students were taken to the extermination camp Auschwitz II-Birkenau, where they stared wide-eyed at the railway track leading through the gaping hole of the entrance. This, we were told, was quite literally the end of the line.

By this point the light was fading and the temperature was well on its way to dipping below -10 degrees, but we were joined by Rabbi Garson who told the teenagers that, in Birkenau, we needed to "redefine our language": you cannot assume you know anything of evil or fear, of feeling hungry or cold, once you pass the infamous watchtower.

The camp, which is considerably smaller than in 1944 when it held more than 90,000 prisoners, still stretched out far into the dusk in front of us.

We were led into draughty wooden dormitories that once housed up to 800 people, often more than two prisoners sharing each tiny, filthy bunk.

Then we followed the train track to the camp to the ruins of a gas chamber and crematorium, destroyed with dynamite by the Nazis before they fled in 1945, where up to 2,000 prisoners an hour could be killed using the noxious chemical Zyklon B, a cyanide pesticide invented in the 1920s.

Our guide, Katarzyna Wróbel, explained how the prisoners would be made to strip naked and taken into the gas chamber, which masqueraded as a shower room.

Those stood directly under the showerheads would die almost instantly. Those further away would suffocate slowly, climbing over bodies as they tried desperately to escape.

Taylor Tumbridge, 16, from Carshalton Boys Sports College, said: "Standing here and seeing how vast it was, you couldn't even see the end of the camps. As far as the eye can see is an area designed to kill people.

"It's important to realise that. Not just that it happened, but the sheer scale of it.

As darkness fell, Rabbi Garson held a memorial service in front of a wall displaying hundreds of pictures, found in prisoners' suitcases, showing life before the camps.

He paid tribute to the 1.1 million people estimated to have died in Auschwitz-Birkenau, of which one million were Jews, as well as the millions of others who died around Europe during the Holocaust.

Before we placed candles on the train track and begin the cold walk back to the coaches, Rabbi Garson warned students of the dangers of silence and complicity in acts of evil, and he asked them to think of the hundreds of thousands of innocent people who have been killed in Syria.

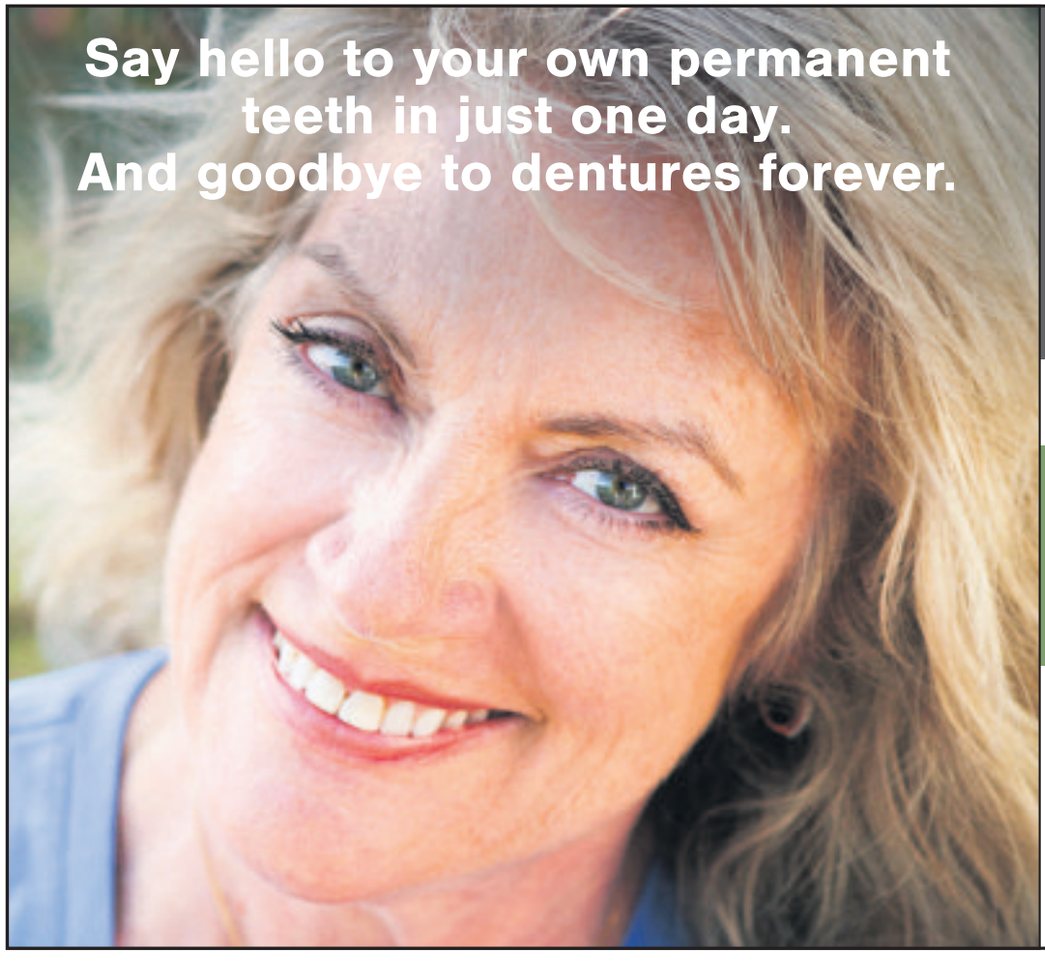
At a time when hate crime linked to Islamophobia has risen almost 65 per cent in London over the last year, when anti-Semitic hate crimes in the UK are at a record high, and when the British Government has voted to reject plans to take in 3,000 unaccompanied Syrian child refugees, the importance of his message was not lost on the students.

And, with the President of the United States trying to reinstate a 'travel ban' on seven predominantly Muslim countries while releasing a statement on Holocaust Memorial Day which purposefully did not mention the six million Jews who were killed during the Holocaust, preserving the lessons of the past seems as important as ever.

Riyana Vadgama, 16, from Greenshaw High School in Sutton, said: "You just can't comprehend how it happened. I know what happened, but I don't understand it. I can't accept it.

"It feels like it should have been impossible."

The trip on February 8, was organised by the Holocaust Educational Trust, and also included students from The John Fisher School in Croydon, Wallington High School for Girls, Orleans Park School in Twickenham, The Holy Cross School in New Malden, Croydon College, and the Bexley, Greenwich and Bromley campuses of the London South East College.



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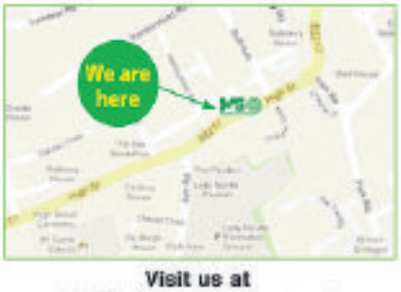

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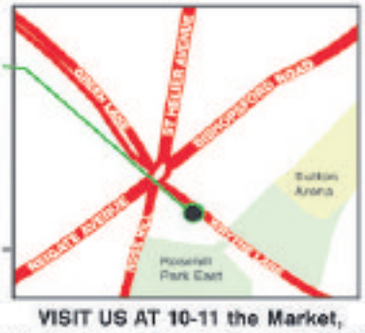

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Food Standards Agency says borough has third highest ranked between zero and two

Food for thought as town outlets rank very low in national ratings

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EPSOM and Ewell places in the bottom three of new analysis of nationwide food hygiene ratings, but the council claim this reflects an incomplete picture a borough's cleanliness and enforcement of standards.

The borough has the third highest percentage of takeaways with a poor rating – between 0 and 2 – out of 355 council areas, according to data held by the Food Standards Agency (FSA), which compiles hygiene inspections carried out by local councils.

With 35.9 per cent of the borough's 53 rated businesses requiring improvement, only Newham (49.6 per cent) and Hyndburn (39.05 per cent) fared worse, according to analysis by Love My Vouchers.

But a spokesman for Epsom and Ewell Borough Council said the borough's low scores merely highlighted the diligence of its inspectors and that comparisons based on percentages reflected unfairly on a small borough with fewer than 500 food businesses.

Nearly half of the borough's rated establishments (49.06 per cent) were rated 4 or above, the spokesman pointed out.

A council spokesman said: "Our inspectors are diligent in safeguarding the public and demand that standards within this borough are fully met, those who fail to meet these standards get the lower level of ratings and may be issued with notices and/or be taken to court.

"Equally those who initially had a low score but who then go on to achieve an improvement are to be praised for their efforts."

Linda Firth, a Director at LoveMyVouchers.co.uk added: "The study was conducted to raise awareness about the importance of food hygiene ratings, as they are not always obvious for takeaways, particularly in England.

"Many of the top food ordering websites do not currently display the ratings, so customers need to be mindful of this when they are ordering food."

It is currently not a requirement for establishments in to display their food hygiene rating.

Epsom and Ewell Borough Council urges residents to check the food standard agency website (ratings.food.gov.uk) where all the ratings in the UK are available.

Epsom and Ewell places in the bottom three of new analysis of nationwide food hygiene ratings

Plea for help after accused fails to turn up

A WARRANT has been issued for a wanted man who skipped a court hearing in connection with a driving offence.

Jamie Mundy, 25, from St John's Close, Leatherhead, failed to attend Redhill Magistrates' Court on Monday, February 13.

He is charged with driving a car while unfit to drive in December last year. Mr Mundy is also wanted for breaching the condition of his tagged curfew, Surrey Police stated.

Surrey Police is now appealing for the public's help in finding him.

He is described as a white man of medium build, about six feet tall, and has brown eyes and straight brown hair.

Mr Mundy has links to Leatherhead and Ashtead, the force believes.

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Possible retrial

A COURT will decide on whether a karate instructor accused of sexually assaulting a teenage boy should face a retrial. A jury acquitted Spencer Hannan, 42, of Derek Avenue, Epsom, of sexual activity with a child in an attack yards from the boy's house earlier this month. But they were unable to decide on three further accounts of sexual activity with a child and were dismissed by the judge on February 7.

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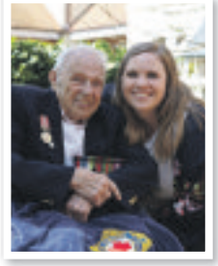

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Cannot trust

'You can't trust Labour with money' is as true today in Merton as it ever was. Council finances are on a cliff edge and Stephen Alambritis' Labour Group are in complete denial of the facts. And I mean facts you can check not the fake news in the letters from their self-appointed spokesman, Michael Barltrop (Merton Council under Labour or Conservatives have not borrowed money since 2006 and fund capital projects from investment receipts).

Alambritis' Labour thought they could balance the books by gradually using up the £26million of Council Tax they stashed away into balances and reserves over 6 years to March 2016. Money that could and should have been left in residents' pockets or used to save services for the vulnerable and elderly.

Instead, even though adult care services have been overspending and unable to meet savings targets, they have suffered further cuts – until just before last Christmas. At last, Labour's under budgeting was recognised and £11.927million added to next year's planned expenditure and £12.901million in 2018/19 – but 1% on Council tax only generates about £700,000 so how do they plan to pay for it?

Even in this financial year (2016/17) the overspend is estimated at £6.325million. That gap between income and expenditure and the projected gap next year (2017/18) will be plugged by a huge and unplanned raid of remaining reserves – yet these can only be spent once.

Labour's Council Tax promise is now in tatters. They have known for some time what to expect in support from central government over the next three or four years but been in complete denial. It is not 'business-like' to add necessary growth and then cut it back so, if the reserves are exhausted, how can Council services be funded without a massive hike in Council Tax?

Merton's finances need rebuilding but neither Corbyn's nor Alambritis' Labour Party can be trusted to get it right.

Councillor David Williams
Conservative Finance and Business Spokesman

Borough view

Anthony Oloya took this picture of a foggy New Addington for Borough View. If you have a Borough View picture you would like to be considered for publication email it to aparkes@london.newsquest.co.uk

We voted in favour of leaving union

In last June's referendum Carshalton and Wallington voted by 56% to 44% in favour of leaving the European Union. I notice, however, that our MP for the constituency, Tom Brake, voted against the activation of Article 50. I have read his letter to the Evening Standard which carries no weight for me. If, as our MP, he cannot respect our wishes he must surely go. Has he lost track of the fact that there was a massive swing to UKIP at the last general election, some 12% in his area alone. Surely the message has got across by now that the electorate has had enough of MPs who don't listen. I have voted for Tom Brake in every election that he has stood in, but no more.

Stuart Thorne
Carshalton

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James Willsher
Wandsworth Council

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He refused to do so , yet he and his official have found plenty of time to meet with Heathrow Airport Ltd.

I have now recieved a further communication from him listing the venues where his department intend to hold third runway consultation events , the village of Harmondsworth which will be demolished and the residents evicted has been excluded.

Clearly he regards the people he plans to evict as expendable airport fodder.

Or does he fear to defend his polcy on a public platform , and prefers to hide behind his Civil Servants and the paraphernalia or Parliment.

I would like to extend to him a further invitation, perhapse through the columns of your paper he can be persuaded to visit us , and connect with the reality of the lives of those most affected .

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I sympathise with workies eager to get experience

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I GET scores of requests from hopeful wannabe reporters who want work experience in our newsroom, and sadly I turn them all down.

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First, we receive more than enough requests from degree level journalism students to fill every possible slot. And second, the red tape involved in taking on under-18s has become a complete nightmare.

So, as I say, I have to write back to all these mad keen youngsters and let them down as gently as possible. But every time I do I experience a wave of sadness and, to some extent, a feeling of guilt.

I feel sad because I'm powerless to help these eager, naive, driven young people as they look for a first foothold on a career ladder they're desperately keen to climb onto. And guilty because they tell me they've wanted to be journalists for years – this is because I never wanted to be a reporter myself and only fell into the job by accident.

I applied to my local newspaper to be an artist but after waiting around for half a day without being interviewed I was sent home. Back in the office the next morning it was exactly the same until the news editor took pity on me, grabbed a typewriter and told me I could write something if I wanted to.

After doing this for a few hours I was joined by the editor who offered me a job if I wanted one.

I explained I didn't want to be a reporter but he said it was that or nothing, so I started the next day.

The rest, as they say, is history. But it still makes me feel guilty I've enjoyed such a great career in newspapers right up and down Britain when these desperate kids can't get a start.

I know we all tend to look back with rose-tinted spectacles and I'm sure the world of newspapers, intertwined so closely as it was with the inside of pubs, can't possibly have been as great as I remember, but when I see what youngsters are up against today they've definitely got a much tougher challenge. I just don't think they get as many opportunities as we did – there I go again, feeling sorry for the youth of today.

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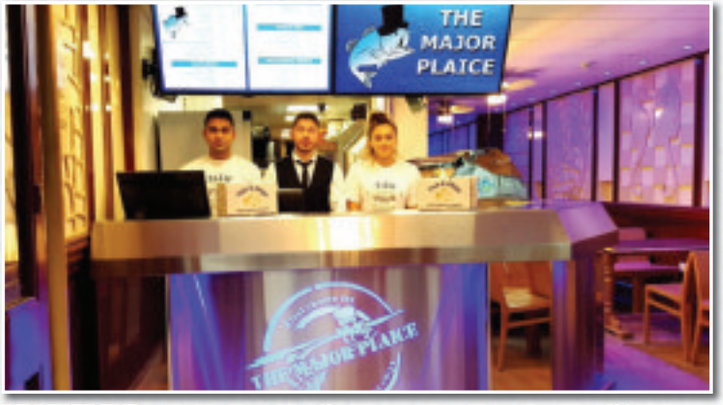

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TALKS between the Rail, Maritime and Transport union and Southern rail have broken down, prompting a threat of another strike.

Acas has confirmed yesterday's discussions ended without an agreement and that there are no plans to resume talks on Wednesday, February 15.

The union has already warned of further strikes, in addition to the 28 staged over the last 10 months, if the dispute is not settled.

Southern's parent company Govia Thameslink (GTR) said it had hoped to end the long-running row over the role of guards.

The RMT's general secretary Mick Cash said the rail operator had blocked serious negotiations.

He said: "RMT entered today's talks in good faith but it soon became clear that the only thing Southern were interested in was bulldozing through driver only operation further and faster with safety and access to services not even on their agenda.

"This is dire news not just for staff but for passengers who rightly demand a safe, reliable and accessible service.

"I will now take a full report back to the union's executive."

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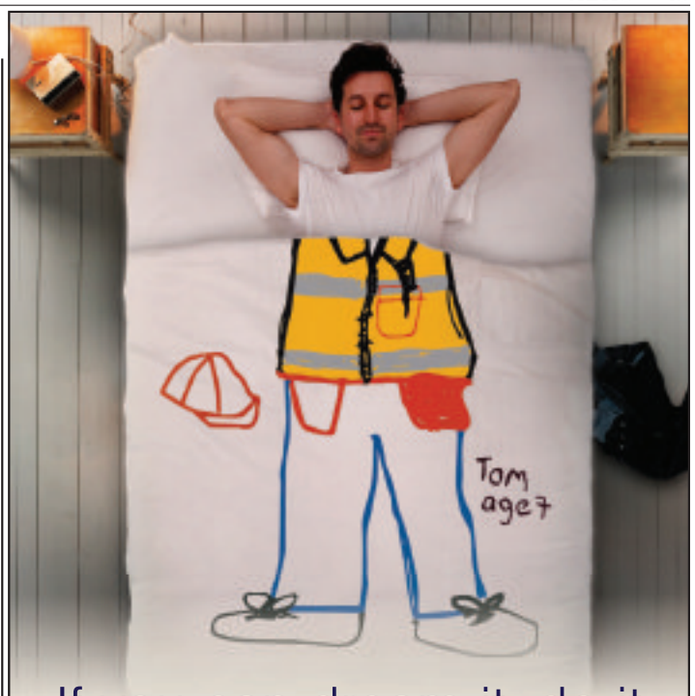

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TWO teenagers have been jailed for 18 months after breaking a man's jaw in an Epsom park.

Connor Peach, 18, now known as Gallagher, of Woodfield Close in Ashtead and a 17-year-old boy were part of a group who became involved in an argument with the victim in McDonald's in the High Street at about 10.45pm on November 28, 2014.

They followed him away from Epsom town centre before attacking him in Roseberry Park.

A member of the public, who was visiting a church nearby, saw the victim in an "extremely distressed" state being chased and decided to intervene.

Surrey Police officers believe her bravery stopped the attackers and prevented the attack from being far more prolonged.

She has now been nominated for a High Sheriff's award.

Detective Constable Jody Newman said: "This was a really nasty assault which began with a verbal exchange at McDonalds and ended with the victim being beaten so severely that he was left with a broken jaw on both sides of his face. His injuries were only prevented from being far more serious, and the attack far more prolonged, by the member of the public who stepped in and confronted the attackers.

"Her extreme courage has been recognised with a nomination for a High Sheriff's award.

"Following the assault, we carried out a lengthy and thorough investigation, which included the release of a media appeal with CCTV images from the night in question which led to the 17-year-old being identified, arrested and subsequently charged.

"This would have been a terrifying incident to have witnessed and we would like to thank all those who came forward as a result of the media appeal, without which we would not have been able to bring the two suspects to justice."

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Virgin Startup, the event partner, will be running a series of workshops and talks as well as taking part in the Wandsworth Den. Virgin StartUp is the not-for-profit Virgin company for entrepreneurs which has helped thousands of businesses with government-backed start-up loans and free mentoring. Participating organisations include NatWest, Prince's Trust, the Design Trust, Google, Newable, Business Today magazine, the Intellectual Property Office, Seedrs, New Covent Garden Market, Young Enterprise, Workspace, Blue Dot Consulting and Hodders Law. Highlights of the week include:

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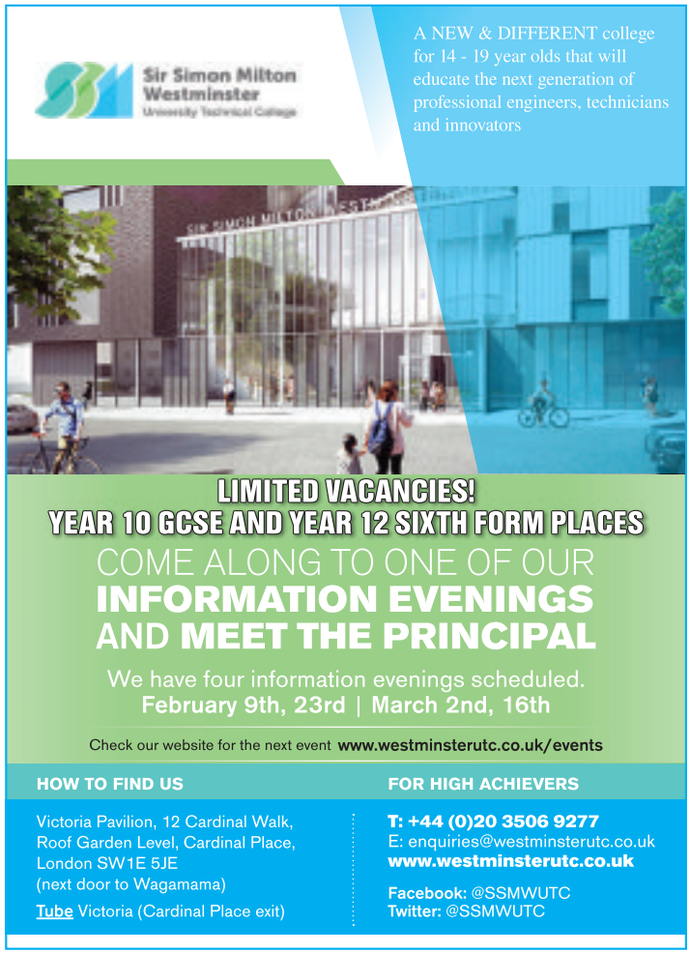

GET READY TO ROXY AGAIN

Featuring the stunning look-alike, sound-alike Kevin Hacket as Bryan Ferry, Roxy Magic are a seven-piece experienced musicians who combine to reproduce the diverse music and imagery of the hugely influential Roxy Magic and pop icon Bryan Ferry.

The band comes to the Boom Boom Club in Sutton this Friday for what promises to be another action-packed feast of great music.

Roxy Magic perform their set of best remembered Roxy Magic hits totally live, believing it's to be more dynamic than playing with the aid of backing tracks.

Their show is a celebration of the sounds of Roxy Magic and Bryan Ferry and comes fully contained with stage lighting and sound rig.

Because of the unique range of Roxy Magic and Bryan Ferry's music, from art rock to disco, 30's ballads to rock and roll and ultimately to the smooth sophistication of Avalon, the set has a great deal to offer to a wide audience.

Remember and enjoy Virginia Plain, Avalon, Dance Away, Street Life, Love is the Drug, Let's Stick Together along with a host of massive hits and proven live favourites like Re-Make/Re-Model, Ladytron and Both Ends Burning.

Roxy Magic, the Boom Boom Club, Sutton United FC, Gander Green Lane, Sutton, Surrey, SM1 2EY, February 17, doors open at 7.30pm, tickets £12/13. For more details visit feenstra.co.uk.

What's on

NOVEL ROLES

Niamh Cusack and Catherine McCormack star in My Brilliant Friend which comes to the Rose Theatre in Kingston next week...

The world première of My Brilliant Friend, a two-part adaptation of Elena Ferrante's Neapolitan quartet of novels which have become a global literary sensation comes to the Rose Theatre in Kingston this month.

Niamh Cusack and Catherine McCormack lead the cast for the production which opens on February 25 and directed by Melly Still.

Elena Ferrante's intense portrait of an all-consuming female friendship in post-war Italy is brought to life for the first time on the Rose stage.

This modern family saga chronicles the lives of friends, Elena and Lila, following them from their childhoods in a poor, tough neighbourhood of Naples, through passionate love affairs, burgeoning careers and family struggles. But even as life repeatedly tries to pull the two in separate directions, Elena and Lila remain inextricably bound to one another.

A powerful story of love, violence, sex, ambition, genius and self-destruction, the two-part play is an exploration not just of female friendship and rivalry, but of post-war Italy and the decades of political turmoil and cultural change that followed.

This stage adaptation condenses Ferrante's four novels (My Brilliant Friend, The Story of a New Name, Those Who Leave and Those Who Stay, The Story of the Lost Child) into one play presented in two parts. Audiences will be able to see both parts in one day, or on separate days.

Regarded as one of the most exciting and compelling contemporary literary voices today, Elena Ferrante was chosen this year as one of Time Magazine's 100 most influential people on the planet.

Very little, however, is known about the author - she writes under a pseudonym, explaining: "Anonymity lets me concentrate exclusively on writing."

Her first novels were published in the early 1990s, with My Brilliant Friend, the first novel in the Neapolitan quartet, translated into English in 2012, and the final book in the quartet, The Story of the Lost Child, shortlisted for the 2016 Man Booker Prize.

My Brilliant Friend, Rose Theatre Kingston, 24-26 High Street, Kingston, KT1 1HL, February 25 to April 2. Visit rosetheatrekingston.org for further information.

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A SPLASH OF COLOUR

The Horniman Museum and Gardens will open a Butterfly House in summer 2017 following a successful planning application to Lewisham Council.

The new attraction will offer visitors an immersive experience, in a specially-planted indoor garden that will be home to a colourful range of free-flying, exotic butterfly species. The Butterfly House complements the Horniman's current Living Collections, including alpacas, jellyfish and bees in its Animal Walk, Aquarium and Nature Base.

Work will begin with the demolition of an existing, unused building to make way for the glasshouse and surrounding landscaping. Tickets to the Butterfly House will go on sale later in the year, in advance of the summer opening. Horniman Members will enjoy free, unlimited visits.

For full details of a range of half-term events at the Horniman Museum visit horniman.ac.uk

FILM REVIEW: LION (PG)

BY GRAINNE CUFFE

A plot that would seem unrealistic if it weren't a true story, Lion weaves an extraordinary tale in which a young Indian boy becomes separated from his family only to be reunited with them 25 years later.

First-time feature director Garth Davis and screenwriter Luke Davies come together to do this amazing tale justice-although it might be difficult not to with the source material.

Based on the memoir, A Long Way Home, the film tells the story of Saroo Brierley, a five-year-old who wanders around with his brother Guddu, whom he idolises, while they attempt to supplement the family income in whatever way they can.

Their mother works as a labourer hauling rocks and there is no sign of a father, so life is difficult -but the formidable love they share defeats any hardship.

One night little Saroo (Sunny Pawar) convinces Guddu (Abhishek Bharateto) to bring him along to his nightshift but the two get split up at the train station.

Saroo climbs aboard a train to seek refuge only to wake up and find he is moving and is hundreds of miles from home.

He ends up in Kolkata and, unable to get back to his family, he must survive on the streets in a dangerous place where he doesn't speak the language. After a few months he is taken into care and adopted by an Australian couple who fly him to Tasmania.

The story is about Saroo finding his way home 25 years later.

Lion is tremendously moving, strengthened by understated but powerful performances by Dev Patel, who stars as an older Saroo, Roony Mara, who plays Saroo's girlfriend Lucy, and Nicole Kidman, his adoptive mother Sue.

The relationship between Patel's character and Sue is convincing but somewhat overshadowed by the utterly honest and believable romance between Patel and Mara, who shines the brightest in this outing.

Sunny Pawar is exceptional in his first cinematic jaunt, and is complemented nicely by Bharate.

We are treated to some delicious shots of the rugged and beautiful landscapes in Tasmania and India by Australian Cinematographer Greig Frasier, who succeeds in depicting the good and bad of both countries through a lens.

Lion would have been a lot less affecting had it not been a true story, so incredible that is it.

Saroo's search begins with a flashback stirred up by a traditional Indian sweet at a dinner party. He finds his home on Google Earth. The fact that these things actually happened is an unlifting gem in a cynical world. Bring tissues.

OUT NOW.

SOULSOUNDS

Tamla Motown, northern soul and seventies grooves will provide the sounds for South London's newest soul joint, the House of Bamboo.

Hundreds of soul brothers and sisters are set to converge on West Norwood's iconic Portico Gallery on February 25 for the retro night.

The soul joint is a labour of love for founder David Diston, from Mitcham, who fell in love with the 60s soul scene more than 30 years ago.

He says: "A soul club isn't like any other club and anyone who has experienced a dancefloor moving, clapping, as one will know that sensation.

"We want people to come down and have a top night, dancing and hearing some soul tunes.

"Soul has been part of my life for three decades now and this is how music ought to be – if you've never tried it, come and see what all the fuss is about."

A stalwart of London's thriving soul scene, David and the House of Bamboo's resident DJs will be spinning the vinyl for the opening.

The Portico Gallery has a huge dancefloor with food and drink available, as well as vintage stalls.

House of Bamboo Soul Club; Portico Gallery, 23a Knight's Hill, West Norwood, SE27 0HS; February 25, 7pm-12pm; tickets £5 on the door; see fb.me/bamboosoulclub.

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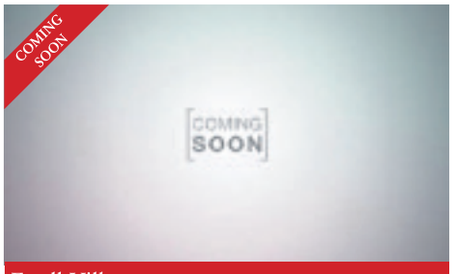

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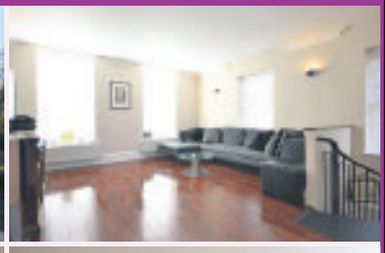
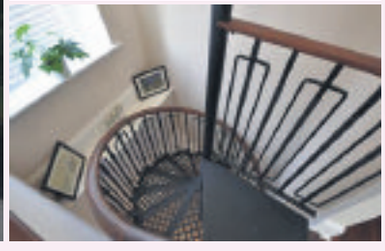
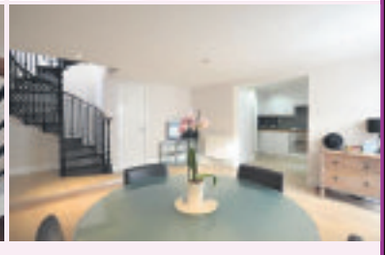

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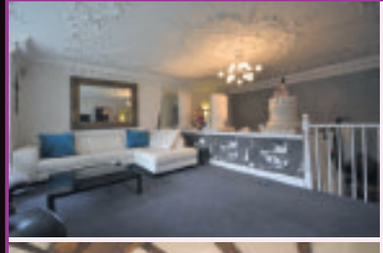
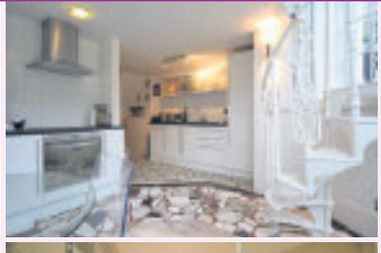

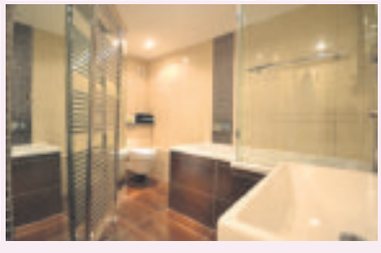

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- Extension Potential (S.T.P.P.)
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- Offers In Excess Of
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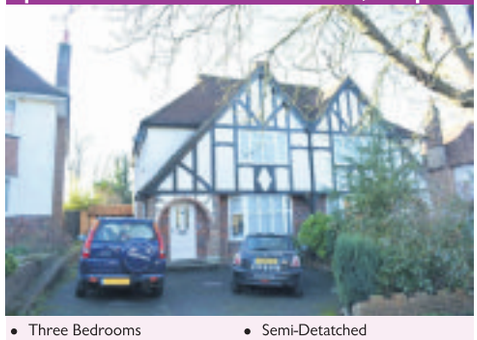

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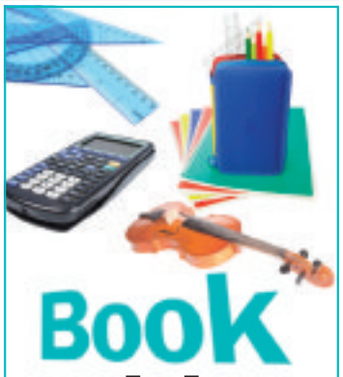

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2. You're stuck in a rut – Think of yourself as an X Factor wannabe. Your career should be a journey to bigger and better things, not a constant loop. Even if you're doing a job you enjoy, you must also get a sense of pride and satisfaction from adding to your skill set. If you haven't developed or learned anything new for a while, it's time for a fresh challenge.

3. You don't get on with your boss – Unfortunately, many people don't leave their companies, they leave their boss. A bad relationship with a manager can really affect your day-to-day work and seep into the rest of your life. If you've tried and failed to fix the situation, your energy would be better spent looking for a new job.

4 It's a mismatch – Like good relationships, the best jobs tap into our full potential and bring out the best in us. If there is no overlap between what we're good at and love doing and what our actual job involves on a daily basis, nobody is happy.

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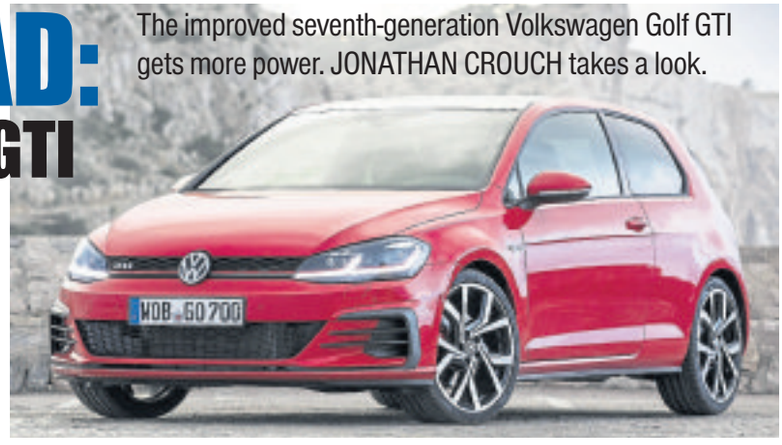
ON THE ROAD: Volkswagen Golf GTI

The improved seventh-generation Volkswagen Golf GTI gets more power. JONATHAN CROUCH takes a look.



BACKGROUND: The Volkswagen Golf GTI has upped its game in the face of increasing competition and offers up to 245PS, plus there are smarter looks, a classier cabin and improved media connectivity. Though little of the original GTI DNA remains, it's a very complete hot hatch indeed.

DRIVING EXPERIENCE: The big news for enthusiasts is that this GTI continues to be available in two different power outputs. Before, the standard car offered 220PS and there was a 230PS GTI Performance model. Now, Volkswagen has upped these outputs, so the normal version gets 230PS and the GTI Performance model features 245PS. Expect that to be enough to get you from rest to 62mph in only a fraction over 6s. As before, the GTI Performance variant also gets bigger brakes and an electronically controlled mechanical front axle differential lock for improved cornering.

Both cars get a 'progressive steering' system which means low effort at parking speeds but a smooth, natural feel when moving from small steering angles to larger ones at speed, something that has often escaped designers of modern electrically-assisted steering systems. A six-speed gearbox is fitted as standard to both cars, with the option of a six-gear DSG twin-clutch transmission for those who don't fancy a clutch pedal. If you like the GTI look but want to optimise frugality, a GTD diesel variant using a 2.0 TDI 184PS powerplant continues to be offered.

DESIGN: The first thing you'll notice about this revised Golf GTI is probably its slightly sleeker front end. There are full-LED headlamps and the air intakes at either corner of the front bumper have been restyled too. Jewel-like LED tail lamps are now standard too, with smart animated flowing indicators too. Otherwise, things are much as before - which means that there's a choice between three or five-door hatch bodystyles, both of which sit on the Volkswagen Group's light, stiff and very sophisticated MQB chassis.

There's no doubt that this is a seriously good looking car these days. Some of the detailing is quite exquisite. Red, black and white production paint finishes hark back to the Eighties heyday of the Golf GTI, while the big roof spoiler is neatly integrated to the roof line and door pillars.

The flat-bottomed steering wheel is a delight, with a circular hub and a deep dish with audio, telephone and cruise control buttons mounted on two of its three spokes. The dash is finished in an interesting capping which at first looks a little like carbon fibre but is in fact a technical finish that manages to escape the essential cheesiness of fake carbon. There's also a set of drilled pedals and a big alloy foot rest.

MARKET: The GTI is offered in three and five door guises. Prices start at around £28,000 and there's a premium of around £700 if you want the five-door bodystyle and it's around £1,500 more if you want DSG auto transmission.

Pay a further £1,000 to get the extra 15PS promised by the 'GT Perfrmance Pack' version and you'd have to wonder why someone would pay nearly £32,000 for a Golf R, though that car does offer 310PS and 4WD. All GTI variants come with air-conditioning, Driver Alert system, seven airbags, including a driver's knee bag, five three-point seat belts, ABS with ESP, XDS electronic differential lock and ISOFIX preparation for two rear child seats. A key change with this revised model lies with media connectivity. Previously, GTI customers had the choice of 6.5 or 8-inch screens, depending on the options chosen. Now, these have been replaced by more sophisticated 8 and 9.2-inch screens. As you'd expect, the biggest 'Discover Pro' monitor is the more sophisticated of the bunch, this being the first Volkswagen infotainment system to offer both touch and voice-command operation, with gesture control in addition to proximity sensors.

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Sutton and Epsom romp to fine victory

On a cold afternoon in Rugby Lane an appreciative crowd roared on a six-try 42-19 win for Sutton and Epsom over Shelford that secured five vital points.

Kyren Ghumra kept it in play and passed inside to Stefan Cooksammy who countered with great vision down the narrow side outpacing the cover to score.

Jamie See dummied his way through some tacklers to score under the posts to collect his first Sutton try. A Steve Munford penalty made it 20-7 to the hosts.

James Caddy scored another try and then James Colclough went over the line for the bonus point try and the Ilkley man's first league try for the Black and Whites to make it 30-12.

The visitors score to reduce the arrears but the home side forged further ahead through Andy Matthews who went on to add a further try.

This was the most complete performance of the season to date. The Black and Whites dominated territory and possession and the scoreline did not flatter them.

Peter Adeniyi Picture: Ian Gerrard

Robins win five on spin

FOOTBALL: Carshalton Athletic player/manager Peter Adeniyi insists his squad must maintain focus as they continue plotting their escape from the Ryman Division One South, **writes James Barrett**.

The Robins avenged last season's 7-1 drubbing by Ramsgate on Saturday by returning from the Kent coast with a 2-1 win via goals from Tommy Bradford and Sekou Kaba.

And that fifth win on the spin saw Carshalton solidify a grip on third place in the current league standings although, as well as others having games in hand, they do remain 10 points behind leaders Tooting and Mitcham United.

"It's an old cliche but we need to just keep going one game at a time and try to maintain the high standards," said Adeniyi.

"If we win our remaining 12 games then we'll end on 100 points — if any other club still finished above us after that then fair play. The team spirit here is amazing."

Carshalton led the Rams 1-0 at half-time thanks to Tommy Bradford's 29th of the season but the hosts levelled up through Danny Lawrence on 66 minutes.

Ramsgate then lost full back Jake McKenzie to a second yellow card and midfielder Kaba, whom played the game in the unfamiliar position of left back, made them pay by stabbing home an 81st minute winner.

"I think that just goes to show how important it is to have a strong squad. Sekou is naturally left-footed, didn't complain when asked to play in an uncommon position and went on to score," Adeniyi added.

"Several of our injured lads came on the trip and that kind of attitude will stand them and the club in good stead."

Carshalton Athletic vs Cray Wanderers, 3pm on Saturday, February 18.

SUTTON UNITED Stuttering U's suffer two league defeats on the road

United pay the penalty

Sutton captain Jamie Collins saw his penalty saved in his side's National League game at Solihull Moors on Saturday. Picture: Paul Loughlin

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FOOTBALL: In a week where much talk about Sutton United has centred on a certain FA Cup tie, the U's were drawn into the National League relegation picture following back-to-back defeats at Solihull Moors and Guiseley.

With 16 games left of this campaign, the U's are still six points clear of the drop zone with a game or two in hand of those clubs around them but they are starting to look nervously over their shoulder with some of those sides picking up valuable points.

Sutton have developed a nasty habit in recent games of conceding an early goal. It's happened in their last three matches, all of which have been away from Gander Green Lane.

On Saturday, the U's were a goal down after just two minutes at Solihull and were left to rue a missed penalty by captain Jamie Collins who saw his 40th minute effort saved by Chelsea loanee Nathan Baxter.

This seemed to knock the stuffing out of Sutton whose miserable afternoon in the Midlands was complete when Moors added two further goals in the second half.

Tuesday's trek to West Yorkshire to face Guiseley got off to another poor start when Jake Cassidy headed the home side in front after just seven minutes.

The visitors fought hard to get themselves back into the match and got their reward when Matt Tubbs kept his cool to calmly slot the U's level from the penalty spot in the 37th minute.

Sutton deserved something from the game but, as has so often been the case this season, came away with nothing.

Guiseley's new signing John Rooney, brother of Manchester United's Wayne, pounced in the final seconds to win it for the home side.

Aside from the FA Cup, the bigger picture looks challenging over the next few weeks with tough league fixtures coming up against the likes of Torquay United, Barrow, York City and Forest Green Rovers.

On the bright side, there's still plenty of football to be played this season, so there's no need to push the panic button just yet.

To use a well worn football cliché, Sutton just have to take it one game at a time, so for the time being that means focusing on the FA Cup tie with Arsene Wenger's Arsenal.

Whatever happens in the league, it's important that everyone associated with the club enjoys what promises to be a truly special occasion.

Come kick-off time on Monday, the U's will be the envy of teams across the country when they take on the mighty Gunners.

BOXING: Carshalton's Lenny Daws (pictured) suffered a heart-breaking European super-lightweight defeat to Swede Anthony 'Can You Dig It' Yigit last Saturday at Westcroft Leisure Centre, ***writes Ziad Chaudry***.

Roared on by his passionate army of local fans, the likeable 38-year-old failed in his third attempt to famous blue belt he's been chasing for nearly four years, going down 118-110, 118-110, 116-112 in an unanimous points defeat.

It was at this very venue exactly fourteen months ago that Daws was controversially disqualified in his second European title tilt against Spain's Ruben Nieto.

"I'm really gutted for Lenny," said his long time promoter Mick Hennessy who worked extremely hard to get his man home advantage again in Carshalton. "He come across a real quality fighter tonight. Yigit is very awkward, a real good stylist, quick hands. It just showed tonight he's European class.

"Lenny was in the fight the whole way and there was a couple of times where he hurt him with body shots and I thought he was going to steam roll him, but the kid is so awkward.

"It was a very tough fight for the European title and more awkward that anything really and that's what at times Lenny struggled with.

"It was a quality fight for the European title and Lenny was in it every step of the way. I don't agree with the scores for sure."

And Hennessy does not know if Daws, who has been a professional for 14 years, will hang up his gloves: "It's up to Lenny," he continues. "Whatever he wants to do he's had a brilliant and long career."

Paul's a muddy marvel

ATHLETICS: Tadworth A.C.'s men fielded 15 runners for the final fixture of the men's Surrey Cross-Country League Division 3 season at Lloyd Park, Croydon on Saturday.

The team was led home over the muddy 5-mile course by Paul O'Callaghan,2nd in 29:30, followed by John Melbourne, 27th in 32:17, and Dave Williamson, 29th in 32:33. Tadworth finished 5th on the day (10-to-score) and were 6th overall in the 9 club division.

Tadworth's ladies braved snowy conditions for their Surrey Cross-Country League Division 2 match at Farthing Downs, Couldson. Jane Munn was first for the club, finishing 52nd in 38:56 for the 5-mile course. She was Ingrid Mrazova, (43:32), Vanessa Anstee (102nd, 44:50) and Julie Oliver (148th, 51:55). The Tadworth team was 14th on the day and finished the season in 15th place overall.

David Freeman was the first man over-50 at Sunday's Wokingham Half Marathon, finishing 73rd of 1800 runners in 1:18:26. Team mate Dave Williamson was close behind, 95th in 1:19:40. Jane Munn completed the team, 968th in 1:49:58.

Paul O'Callaghan

Counts so convincing

RUGBY: Old Walcountians further cemented their position in the Surrey League 2 promotion places with a convincing 42-7 victory over mid-table Economicals in arctic conditions at Clock House last Saturday.

From the start, Walcountians dominated the set scrums with props Jonny Evans and Anthony Abou-Zeid scrummaging well and the loose, where skipper Will Thornton, hooker Rob Fleming and No 8 Joe Henderson were formidable in both defence and attack.

The Counts took the lead after just ten minutes.

Five minutes later, Walcountians extended their lead with a piece of pure magic from centre Dharshan Vadivelu, who swerved and sidestepped his way past six would-be tacklers to score the Counts' second try.

Walcountians continued to pile on the pressure in the second half. Economicals made a late rally which brought them a try in the 30th minute, but a confident Walcountians responded with two more scores before the end. Then, two minutes later, Marvin Fletcher-Rogers scored.

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